RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Ross

Report Title: ***PRE-SCHOOLERS LEARN TO SHARE –Can Local Governments?***

Report Date: August 9, 2012

Public Release Date: June 1, 2012

Response by: Mayor Rupert Russell

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: n/a
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: n/a

  (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R4, R5 have been implemented.

  Shared service opportunities are already a priority. The Marin Managers as well as elected officials discuss opportunities on an ongoing basis, and have for many years. The Town's newsletter and Town's website are utilized to inform the public of shared services. Ross has a Finance Committee of the Town Council which is looking at additional opportunities for shared services in the future.

- Recommendations numbered R2, R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

  In future capital expenditures, where there is excess capacity and/or shared costs are feasible, the item will be considered to be shared with other entities. As part of the annual budget process, the Town Manager will report on any changes in status regarding shared services or any newly identified opportunities.

- Recommendations numbered n/a require further analysis.

  (Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- Recommendations numbered n/a will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

  (Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/10/12 Signed: PR Russell

Number of pages attached: 0

P. Rupert Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Lopez, Town Clerk

TOWN OF ROSS

RESOLUTION NO. 1785
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROSS APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TOWN OF ROSS RESPONSE TO THE 2011-2012 MARIN COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "PRE-SCHOOLERS LEARN TO SHARE-CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 933, a public agency which receives a Grand Jury Report addressing aspects of the public agency's operations, must comment on the Report's findings and recommendations contained in the Report in writing within ninety (90) days to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the Foreperson of the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Penal Code section 933 specifically requires that the "governing body" of the public agency provide said response and, in order to lawfully comply, the governing body must consider and adopt the response at a noticed public meeting pursuant to the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ross has received and reviewed the 2011-2012 Marin County Grand Jury Report, dated June 1, 2012, entitled "Pre-Schoolers Learn to Share- Can Local Governments?" and has agendized it at this meeting for a response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Ross hereby:

1. Approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Town of Ross's response to the 2011-2012 Marin County Grand Jury Report entitled "Pre-schoolers Learn to Share- Can Local Governments?", copy attached hereto.

2. Directs the Town Clerk to forward the Town's Grand Jury Report response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court and to the Foreperson of the Marin County Grand Jury.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Ross Town Council held on the 9th day of August, 2012, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members Russell, Hoertkorn, Kuhl, Small

NOES:

ABSENT: Council Member Brekhus

ABSTAIN: